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SECURITY INFORMATION

1338-CAGWU

10 April 1952

Subject: Statement by Identity (1) on BGBegood Drop

To : Chief, DYCluck
Washington, D.C.

Info: Chief DYCluck

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Reference: []

1. Following is a statement made by Identity (1) on a BGBegood drop:

"The parcels fell in the villages of Identities (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6).

The nearest parcel to his village Identity (7) was one-half hour away. He did not see the parcels drop himself, but he has the following information from two friends of his who had found parcels and delivered them to the police. These men were Identities (8) and (9), (8) says that the parcel he found was broken open and he could see the food which was in it. When he delivered this open parcel to the police, he was put under pressure, accused that he had opened it himself and that he was in a league with "reactionaries". When Identity (1) left Identity (8) was still being held for further interrogation.

The morning after the drop the authorities of the villages ordered the immediate collection and delivery of the parcels by the entire population, threatening harsh punishment to those who refused to cooperate. The populace collected the parcels and carried them to collection centers where they were picked up by a truck which went to the various villages. The population did not dare to keep the parcels unless they were absolutely certain that they could escape detection. Most of them were especially afraid of being inadvertently betrayed by their own children. The fact that everyone seemed to know just what the parcels contained would seem to indicate that some of the parcels were hidden by the people.

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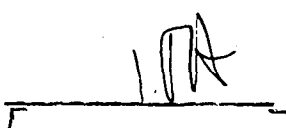
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According to rumors the parcels contained the following food: raisins, coffee, rice, sugar, flour and meat.

The most prevalent punishment for the keeping of a package is 10 to 15 years imprisonment. The Communist authorities declared that the food was poisoned and that they intended to burn the collected parcels, but the population was convinced and even said that the Communist wanted to eat the food themselves. The food drop has made a strong impression on the Albanians, and the rumor spread that they (the NCFA and the Allies-Great Britain and the U.S.) would come in March or April. They were joined in this belief by shaky Communists."

2. Identity (1) crossed the border on 28 January 1952. The food drop happened sometime in December according to Identity (1).

3. The above statement was made to [] during his recent interrogation of Identity (1).


Attachment:

1. Identities (s.c.)

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Attach. #1 to 1338-CAGWU dtd 10 April 1952

Following are the identities to 1338-CAGWU:

- (1) Kadri Petriti
- (2) Sovjan
- (3) Poceste
- (4) Melcan
- (5) Goskove
- (6) Voskop
- (7) Shkoze
- (8) Hasan Fehim Sovjani
- (9) Hansan Seit Pocesta

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